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SUBJ: MAP FOR GOP

REF: WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS
BRIEFING MAY 28

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT MAY 28 PRESS BRIEFING LEAVE
TOTALLY CONFUSING PICTURE OF CURRENT STATE IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ON BASES, MILITARY ASSISTANCE
AND MUTUAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. ORIGINAL QUESTION CONCERNING
PHASING OUT OF MILITARY GRANT ASSISTANCE APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN BASED ON MISCHIEVOUS AND MISLEADING AP REPORT FROM
MANILA MAY 28 WHICH QUOTED PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT SOURCES
TO EFFECT GRANT MAP WOULD END BY 1978 AND THAT U.S. BEGAN
PHASING OUT GRANT MAP TWO YEARS AGO.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD
QUESTION AND EXPOUNDED ON TALKS WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERN-
MENT CONCERNING MILITARY PRESENCE HERE WHICH WAS EVEN
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MORE MISLEADING.

3. AT THIS DELICATE STAGE IN OUR UNSTRUCTURED CONVERSATIONS
WITH GOP I WOULD HOPE WE COULD KEEP PUBLIC COMMENT TO
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

4. COMMENT: I ASSUME DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IS AWARE THAT
THERE HAS BEEN NO TALK OF PHASING OUT GRANT MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES. CONFUSION APPARENTLY
STEMS FROM DEBATE OVER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974
AND THE COMPROMISE "SENSE OF CONGRESS" STATEMENT IN
SECTION 17 OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT WHICH CALLS FOR GENERAL
RE-EXAMINATION OF MAP WITH VIEW TO REDUCTION AND
TERMINATION AS SOON AS FEASIBLE - AND REPORT TO FIRST
SESSION NINETY-FOURTH CONGRESS.
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